



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Steven A. Silverman
Director

MEMORANDUM

September 13, 2013

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
Department of Economic Development

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room B at 7:00 p.m.**

The Draft agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on September 17, 2013.

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If you need other services or aids to participate in this activity, please call 301-590-2810

e:aacSept13(aac13)

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – September 17, 2013

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from August 20, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Discussion with Tom Hartsock-Follow up from the Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-Final Report-September 16, 2013 at the University of Maryland Shady Grove Campus. (See Attachment B.) <http://www.farmingatmetrosedge.com/>
4. Discussion with Sarah Miller-Update on the first year of the New Farmer Pilot Program.
5. T &E Committee Discussion on September 9, 2013 Pesticide Use in Montgomery County. (See Attachments C.)
6. Food Recovery Work Group Final Report to the County Council September 10, 2013. On-Farm Composting.
7. AAC and APAB comments on the Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-Ten Mile Creek (See Attachment D.)-The MNCPPC staff report and newspaper articles are below.
<http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2013/documents/06202013ITEM3Draft62013staffreportrevised.pdf>
<http://www.gazette.net/article/20130612/NEWS/130619710/1096/pulte-housing-plan-for-1000-units-in-boyds-under-fire&template=gazette>
<http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Blogs/MoCo-Politics/May-June-2013/The-Battle-Of-Ten-Mile-Creek-Intensifies/>
8. AAC letter to the University of Maryland-Board of Regents-Extension resources for that Agronomy Educator Position (See Attachment E.)
9. Discussion on Councilmember Marc Elrich-Proposed Bill to increase the Minimum Wage from \$7.25 to \$12.00 in Montgomery County. (See Attachment F.)
10. DED-Ag Services, U ofMD-Extension-UME and USDA Agricultural Research Service-ARS will be partnering on a Listening Session November 7, 2013 and Public Workshop December 2013 for High Tunnels and Greenhouses-Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Counties
11. The next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown
Upcoming Meetings and Events:
Montgomery County Food Council-September 18, 2013 @ 7:00 pm
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Farm to Table Dinner-September 20, 2013
PHED Committee Work Sessions-Zoning Ordinance Revisions ZTA13-04-September 2013
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-October 1, 2013@7:00pm
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-October 8, 2013@7:30pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisor-October 11, 2013@9:00am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-October 15, 2013 @ 7:00 pm